

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Simionescu et al. )  
Serial Number: 10/722,142 ) Examiner: A. Khan  
Filed: 11/24/2003 ) Group Art Unit: 1796  
Confirmation No.: 4675 ) Customer Number: 22827  
Title: Fixation Method for Bioprostheses ) Deposit Account: 04-1403

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

	<u>Claims remaining after amendment</u>	<u>Highest number previously paid for</u>	<u>Present Extra</u>	<u>Additional Fee</u>
<b>Total Effective Claims</b>	<u>13</u>	<u>minus</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>=</u>
			<u>0</u>	<u>X \$ 52</u>
				<u>=</u>
				<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Independent Claims</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>minus</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>=</u>
			<u>0</u>	<u>X \$220</u>
				<u>=</u>
				<u>\$ 0.00</u>

A Request for Continued Examination is requested in view of the: (\$810) \$ 810.00

- Previously submitted Amendment / Response dated \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Amendment / Reply

Enclosed Affidavit(s) / Declaration(s)

Enclosed Information Disclosure Statement

Since Official Action set an original due date of May 16, 2009,

**PETITION** is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this

response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$130;

2 months \$490; 3 months \$1,110; 4 months \$1,730, 5 months \$2,350

\$ 0.00

If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time, add \$390.00 (per application) \$ 0.00

If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$140.00) \$ 0.00

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 0.00

**SUBTOTAL:** \$ 810.00

If "small entity" verified statement filed  previously,  
 herewith, enter one-half (½) of subtotal and subtract - \$ 405.00

**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED:** \$ 405.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any fees in addition to the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account No. shown in the heading hereof. This statement does not authorize charge of the issue fee in this case.

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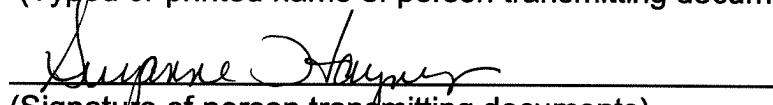
Signature: 

Date: May 7, 2009

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all attachments and any fee(s) are being electronically transmitted via the internet to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office using the Electronic Patent Filing System on May 7, 2009.

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